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**Comparative Figures
Of The U.S. And U.S.S.R.**

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Sir: Admiral Strauss says that America is training only half as many engineers as it needs today. He quoted figures from Allen Dulles, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, who said that in the decade ending in 1960 Soviet Russia will graduate 1.2 million scientists and engineers compared with 900,000 in the United States. Other authorities say that about the same is true of school teachers and medical men.

The Soviet Union now has 300,000 physicians of whom 60 per cent are women. That means one doctor for 866 inhabitants. The United States has one doctor for 790 inhabitants. What is worse, in the Soviet Union 27,000 new students have entered medical school to only 7,000 in the United States this year.

These are statistics only. But what is behind them? Why all this should be so? The United States' natural resources are perhaps even better than those of the Soviet Union and there does not seem to be

any reason for lagging behind in anything, yet, reasons there must be.

It is somewhat puzzling just why so few American women study medicine as a profession in comparison to the Russian women. This perhaps applies also to sciences and engineering.

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